

NEWS RELEASE

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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet Wednesday, July 28, 2004, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a briefing session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among items to be discussed during the briefing session are the role of the Board in the Oil and Gas Conservation Program, an update on the status of Road Runner/Gavilan compliance with a previous Board order, and a response to comments on Reclamation Surety for Small Mineral Mines and Related Changes.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2003-005, Cause No. 251-01 – ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY Regarding a Board Order Establishing 640-Acre Drilling Units for Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 4 South, Range 3 West, U.S.M., and Sections 24 and 25, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, U.S.M., Duchesne County, Utah, for the Production of Oil and Gas from the Mesaverde and Mancos Formations.

*The Board will hear a division report concerning an order issued August 27, 2003, regarding the continued appropriateness of 640-acre spacing based upon the data and information supplied by St. Mary.*

2. Docket No. 2004-009, Cause No. 254-01 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of the HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY for an Order Approving an Exception Location for the Bonanza #4D-16 Well in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 24 East, S.L.M., Uintah County, Utah.

*This matter was continued from June. The Board is being asked to approve a well location.*

3. Docket No. 2004-011, Cause No. 241-06 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of WHITMAR EXPLORATION COMPANY for an Order Establishing 160-Acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas (Including Coalbed Methane) from the Ferron Formation in Sections 22 and 27, Township 13 South, Range 11 East, S.L.M., Carbon County, Utah, and for an Order Pooling all Interests in Certain of the So-Established Drilling and Spacing Units in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 13 South, Range 11 East, S.L.M.

*The Board is being asked to establish routine spacing and for an order to pool all interests in the unit.*

4. Docket No. 2004-012, Cause No. 222-14 – CISCO EXPRO, LLC, Petitioner, v. State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent, Regarding Petitioner's Request for a Variance to Allow Petitioner to Post a Bond in an Amount Different than Rule R649-3-1.5.2 for the 1 J.D.P. Speedy State Well Located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, S.L.M., Grand County, Utah.

*The Petitioner is seeking a reduced bond for operations.*

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